

## Baseball, Track Seasons Opening

By NEAL PENLAND

Baseball is underway at last at Heppner high with the season practices getting under way last week with a scrimmage with the Cardinals of Ione.

The Mustangs opened practice last week and on Thursday traveled to Ione for a scrimmage which both teams got a lot out of and helped them both to find some of their early season weaknesses.

The Mustangs have only a five game schedule which has not yet been completed. Coach Clint Agee stated that about 20 boys have turned out for practice sessions.

The track season got under way at the same time and the first meet will be held this Friday at Milton-Freewater with about 20 schools taking part. Track coach Jim Mallon reports about 15 boys are out and that a good season can be expected.

## SCHOOL BUDGET

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teacher salaries for next year have been raised too much at one time, and, are those teachers worth the money they will receive under the provisions of the new budget? The answer to this question will lie with the voters when they say "yes" or "no" to the budget at the election early in May. School officials will try to justify their budget at next Tuesday's hearing, and there is no doubt, that taxpayers will have their say at that time, too!

(Oh, yes, we nearly forgot—nothing is included in the budget for any expansion of facilities anywhere. Ione will undoubtedly be seeking about \$150,000 for enlargement of its plant; Heppner next year (1960-61) will need \$60,000 to \$80,000 for additional grade school classrooms; and Boardman is going to want money for a new plant in a short time because the town will be flooded out by the John Day dam and not all of that replacement cost will be born by Uncle Sam.)

This writer's opinion is that the county school board erred in approving such a sizeable salary increase at the present time. We don't argue that qualified teachers must be paid a reasonable salary, but we must question the timing of the raise—this is not the year to go quite as far as has been suggested. We feel that a compromise between the \$700 increase and the "nothing" that many taxpayers want, is in order. And, as it looks to us, if some kind of a compromise is not made, there is a good chance that for the first time in many, many years, Morrow county voters will vote "No" on the entire budget. We don't feel, either, that such "no" vote will settle any problems.

Our presentation of this mighty big problem has been sketchy, and our figures basically comparative, but the whole story will be made available next Tuesday night at the public hearing on the budget to be held at the court house, and it is the duty of every voter and taxpayer to be present and make his feelings known—or not complain later at the results. Whatever your feelings, you should attend the hearing and make them known. Don't stay silently home and then later complain to the school board or school officials that you don't like the way they're doing things.

### PARENTS OF SON

Mr and Mrs Ted Ferguson of Gold Beach, Oregon are the proud parents of a 9 lb 9 oz boy born March 14. He has been named Jeffery Edward.

Mr and Mrs Gene Ferguson, grandparents, have recently returned from Gold Beach where they had been to see the new grandson.

## Edwin Van Winkle Rites Held Thursday

Edwin Van Winkle, 51, died March 23 at his home in Arlington. Services were held March 26 at the Arlington Methodist church with burial in The Dalles cemetery.

Mr Van Winkle was born in Lexington in 1908 and spent most of his life in Arlington except for a few years at Condon.

He is survived by his wife Jean; two sisters, Cora Mae Wirth, Prosser, Wash; and Etta Hale, Charlottesville, Va; and a brother Dale of Gaston, Oregon.

Attending the services from this area were Mr and Mrs W C Van Winkle, Mr and Mrs John Ledbetter and Mrs Cora Allen and son Lyle of Lexington; Mr and Mrs Jack Van Winkle and Mrs Herman Green of Heppner.

## 1st National Deposits Hit Record High

A record high spring bank call deposit total was revealed by First National Bank of Oregon when the statewide bank reported its March 12, 1959 statement of condition figures to the comptroller of the currency.

Deposits of \$834,488,674 were reported, which topped the previous spring mark of \$787,662,876 set on April 10, 1956. The current figure represents a gain of \$58,767,321 over the March 4, 1958 bank call deposit total.

Loans for the 78 First National offices amounted to \$431,123,091, an increase of \$48,936,361 over a year ago. Both the deposit and loan totals are greater than any other bank in the state.

The Heppner branch of First National reported March 12 deposits of \$5,563,480 and loans totalling \$3,412,956, according to J H Bedford, manager.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for the March 4, 1958 call for bank statements. On that date, deposits were \$5,876,091 and loans were \$3,081,406.

"The deposit and loan totals are a good illustration of the continuing vitality of Oregon's economy since its recovery from the low point of a little over a year ago," C B Stephenson, bank president said.

"Business activity is extremely high, as reflected in bank debits, which have been up sharply in recent months, and retail sales of consumer goods are at new highs in many areas," he added.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients—Janice Spaulding, Heppner, dismissed; Patrick Jackson, Condon; James Logan, Cecil, dismissed; Sarah Aldrich, Ione, dismissed; Verna Case, Heppner; Michael Shockley, Ione, dismissed; John Monahan, Heppner; William S Smith, Heppner; Carl Bergstrom, Heppner; Jesse Stephens, Condon; Mabel E Cotter, Ione; Cecelia Robison, Heppner; Manuelita Munkers, Lexington; Nona Sowell, Heppner; Mark Kandle, Kinzua; Edna Bailey, Heppner; Mabel Howell, Monument; Ila Jane Allen, Heppner; Sharon Mabe, Kinzua; John Williams, Kinzua.

## Justice and Municipal Courts

John Lyman Piper, violation of basic rule, \$25 fine.

John Henry Wamsley, drunk on public highway, \$75 fine and 90 days in jail with jail sentence suspended on payment of fine.

James Frederick Cooley, drunk driving, \$150 fine and 90 days in jail with jail sentence suspended on payment of fine.

### DIES IN LA GRANDE

Word has been received of the death of Harold Henderson Saturday in a La Grande hospital. He was a former resident of Lexington.

His obituary will appear next week.

## Minstrel Show Tickets on Sale

Tickets to the Heppner P-TA minstrel show go on sale Friday, April 3, under the supervision of Mrs Jim Angell and Mrs Ken Keeling. Upper grade youngsters will be salesmen.

Dancing, singing, and instrumental rehearsals for the show are being stepped up this week in preparation for the production April 10 and 11 in the Heppner gym.

Mrs Oliver Creswick is chairman of the costume committee and Mrs Wallace Wolf is in charge of makeup, announces Mrs Fred Gimbel, general chairman. Gordon Pratt, director of the minstrel. Harold Laird and Fred Gimbel are responsible for the advertising programs.

The women's quartet from Lexington will be among the singing groups, as will the Heppner men's quartet. Arnold Melby is directing a dance band which will play from the "pit". Members of the high school chorus will swell the ranks of the singers during many of the musical numbers.

Proceeds of the minstrel will be used by the local P-TA for its scholastic program and budget. Additional money will start a youth fund to be used in support of youth activities.

The P-TA is also serving the OEA dinner on Monday night as a money-making project under the direction of Mrs Mabel Heath.

## Farm Loan Assn Reelects Officers

The annual meeting of the Pendleton National Farm Loan Association was held March 12, at the Pendleton Hotel. Eighty-five association members, wives and guests attended. Marlon D Thomas, agricultural economist of Oregon State College was guest speaker. He gave a very informative talk on the subject, "The Future of Agriculture," which outlined what appears to be the trend for the next few years for farm income, covering wheat, peas and livestock.

At the business meeting all officers were re-elected; they include James Beamer, Weston, president; Milton R Morgan, Jr, Ione, vice president; and B C Telyea, secretary-treasurer. Mrs Louise Clark was elected assistant secretary-treasurer. Directors re-elected were Jack Duff, Adams, and Hilmer Horn, Pilot Rock. Elroy Martin, Lexington, was elected to succeed Alex Lindsay, Lexington, whose term had expired.

## Lex U of P Student On Top Grade List

Gaining top honors in mid-year grades at the University of Portland was Lawrence Lindsay of Lexington, according to an announcement of Rev Thomas G LaPine, registrar. Lindsay is the son of Mr and Mrs A C Lindsay.

Twenty-five students in all earned perfect 4.0 point grades during the first semester. The University's school of liberal arts contributed 11 honor-winners. Five science students and four business students were also included on the list.

Among other 4.0 point winners were three nursing students, one music student and a general engineering student.

Lindsay is a senior in the school of business administration at the University of Portland.

## Pattern Company Style Show April 13

Miss Nadine Thompson, of the Simplicity Pattern Company will be in Heppner Monday evening, April 13, at 8:00 P M to show her "Fashions out of this World for the 4-H Modern Miss", according to Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent. The showing is scheduled in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school.

Morrow county 4-H girls will model 18 different costumes that come directly from the Simplicity Pattern book.

The public is invited to see this delightful collection of clothes in the most eye-appealing colors, and the latest fashions for teens and sub-teens in irresistible fabrics.

Miss Thompson will be accompanied by Miss Ruth Brasher, state 4-H club agent.

## CANCER CRUSADE TO FEATURE PLANE FLIGHT BY FORMER LOCAL PILOT

The annual crusade of the American Cancer Society's Oregon division opened Wednesday in Morrow county and the rest of the state. April has been designated cancer control month by Congress.

The campaign in Morrow county is under direction of Mrs Harlan McCurdy of Heppner.

The month-long crusade will combine educational and fund-raising activities, according to James B Nibley, Portland, state chairman, who urged persons to learn the seven cancer danger signals during this period.

"Until the research scientists find the answer to this terrible disease, the greatest weapon in the fight to control cancer is education," Nibley said, explaining that "many cases can be cured if diagnosed and treated early."

He reminded that millions of cancer crusade dollars are being spent annually to finance great research projects throughout the nation and urged Oregonians to support these dedicated research scientists to the best of their ability.

Of particular interest to local residents is a planned endurance flight in a small airplane which will be used to publicize the Cancer Crusade throughout the nation. One of the two pilots who will make the flight is Lew Becker, a former resident of Heppner who now lives in Seattle, and was pilot for the Heppner Lumber company for several years. The other is Gene Tanner, also of Seattle.

The plane, a single-engine Cessna with the Cancer Society's

symbolic Sword of Hope, started a flight Wednesday from Anchorage, Alaska. The plane will spend two weeks over Seattle where the equipment will be tested, then will start on a country-wide trip to fly over each state to publicize the crusade. It was originally planned to refuel in the air, but civil air patrol regulations will make it necessary for the plane to land at small airports for fuel and food.

It is expected that the plane will fly over nearly all communities in the northwest and could possibly use the Lexington airport for one of its refueling stops. No exact schedule has yet been announced.

This year's Cancer Crusade is also taking up the fight against leukemia, a disease closely related to more commonly understood forms of cancer.

## Local News In Brief

Frances, Robbie Elizabeth and Mary Abrams were houseguests throughout last week at the homes of Mr and Mrs Nels Anderson, Mr and Mrs Elmer Schmidt, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Keeling and Mr and Mrs Rod Murray for several days.

Elizabeth Abrams visited at the home of Mr and Mrs Les Marks in Fossil for a few days this week.

Mr and Mrs C A Ruggles returned to Heppner Tuesday afternoon after several days spent in Portland.

Mr and Mrs Ernest Teague of Roseburg and Anson Teague of Riddle visited at the home of Mr and Mrs Don Munkers over the Easter weekend.

Mr and Mrs Harry Morse of Walla Walla were here visiting Thursday at her sister's home, Mr and Mrs Howard Cleveland. Mrs Morse is the former Helen Webb.

Mr and Mrs Frank Turner drove to Portland last week with Emile Groshens. Mr and Mrs Turner visited Mrs Turner's sister, and Mr Groshens visited his mother and sisters.

Mrs Ambrose Chapin left for Seattle Sunday where she will stay with her grandchildren for two weeks while her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Clayton Slyter are vacationing in Alacalpu.

Mr and Mrs Bill Glennie and family were in The Dalles to visit his parents for the Easter weekend.

Mr and Mrs Frank Anderson were in Pendleton Thursday and visited at the home of Mr and Mrs W P Kilkenny.

Mrs Richard Meador and daughter Tammy were in Pendleton Friday for the afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Riley Munkers and sons were in The Dalles Sunday to visit her mother who is in the hospital there.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ralph Richmond were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Don Vail, her mother, Mrs Pearl Vail and another brother, Richard Vail all of Clarkston, Wash.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Wright and son Mark of Portland were Easter visitors at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Adolph Majeke. Mr Wright was formerly of Heppner. Mr and Mrs Whitmer Wright, parents of Harvey Wright, now of LaGrande and formerly of Heppner were also guests at the Majeke home.

Victor Kreimeyer returned to Heppner Friday after a two week stay as camp boss at the Wind River Training school for the district assistants in the forest service.

Mrs Jim Valentine and daughters, Kim, Tanna, and Linda visited last week at the home of her mother and sisters in Portland for several days.

### DIRECTORS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of directors of the Heppner Soil Conservation district at 8 p m, April 7 at the county agent's office and immediately prior to the meeting county Conservation Week chairman Newt O'Harra of Lexington has called a short meeting to arrange the Conservation Week program. He urges local business men and interested persons to attend.

### PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT OES

Mrs Edna Turner will show pictures, taken on her south American trip, after the regular meeting of Ruth chapter no 32, OES on Friday evening, April 10.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Prock were in Portland over the weekend to attend the funeral of Carl Cason.

John Williams was in Spokane on a business trip Tuesday and returned to Heppner Wednesday.

Those from Heppner attending the Friendship Night at the Condon Eastern Star Wednesday of last week were Mr and Mrs Paul Jones, Mrs Dick Wilkinson, and Mr and Mrs Oliver Creswick. There was also a reception held for Mrs Florence Yeager.

Thursday, Mrs Velma Glass attended an Oregon Nurses Association and Oregon League for Nursing meeting in Portland. Mrs Howard Bryant and Mrs Oliver Creswick accompanied her to Portland.

Mr and Mrs Jack Van Winkle and Mr and Mrs William Van Winkle were in Arlington for the funeral of Ed VanWinkle and also for the graveside services in The Dalles on Thursday.

Mrs Wallace Wolf drove Miss Lei Uemura to Portland to attend the American Academy of Physical Education meeting. Mrs Fred Prussing, Mrs Bob Jones and Mrs Roice Fullerton accompanied them to Portland.

Mrs Paul Webb was in Pendleton Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr and Mrs Howard Cleveland and John, Nancy, and Tommy were in Walla Walla Easter Sunday at the home of Mrs Cleveland's mother, Mrs Paul Webb Sr.

Mr and Mrs Mill Morgan of Monument were guests at the home of Mr and Mrs LeRoy Gardner on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Les Grant and son David of Arlington were Sunday guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Oliver Creswick.

John Monahan is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital. He fell last weekend at his home and suffered a broken leg.

Mr and Mrs Jim Bruce and family were in The Dalles Saturday and visited at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Ed Blaser.

Mrs James Valentine and daughter Karen were in Walla Walla Wednesday for the day.

Mr and Mrs Robert Penland and Neal returned Sunday evening from Coos Bay where they visited over the weekend with Mrs Penland's parents, Mr and Mrs Roy Neal.

## LEXINGTON

Mr and Mrs Jack O'Harra and family have been recent guests at the Newt O'Harra home. They make their home in Portland.

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## Lamb Price Slump Factors Reviewed By OSC Economist

The recent slump in lamb prices in Oregon and over the nation appears to have been caused by an oversupply of heavy, home-grown lambs rather than sharply increased imports of lamb and mutton from other countries.

The sheep industry has been on an upswing, with more lambs produced each of the past 10 years, reports Stephen C Marks, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College. Last year, large supplies of relatively cheap feed coupled with large numbers of lambs and attractive market prices encouraged many feedlot operators to expand their lamb-feeding operations.

When lamb prices swung lower last fall, feeders tended to hold onto their lambs hoping for higher prices, Marks explained. As a result, lambs became too fat and when shipped at a late date, glutted the market with heavy lambs that forced prices still lower.

Some concern has been expressed by sheepmen who felt increasing imports of mutton and lamb from Australia and New Zealand caused the lower lamb prices. But Marks feels these imports haven't been large enough to date to have much influence on lamb markets.

However, more competition from the "lands down under" is possible in the future, Marks said, since a 15-year meat agreement between Australia and the United Kingdom was canceled last October. This leaves Australia free to ship lamb and mutton to any country where an attractive market can be found.

At present, it looks like Australia will seek expansion of its sheep-meat markets in this country, Marks said. The Australian meat board has already completed a study of U S inspection and quarantine regulations, so that Australian lamb and mutton can be processed to meet U S requirements.

### SEW AND MODEL CLUB

A meeting was held March 7 at the home of Mrs Leland McKinney. There were six girls present and three visitors.

The girls learned some more on how to sure their sewing machine. The girls all admitted they had learned something new.

After the meeting cake, jello and hot chocolate were served by Mrs McKinney.

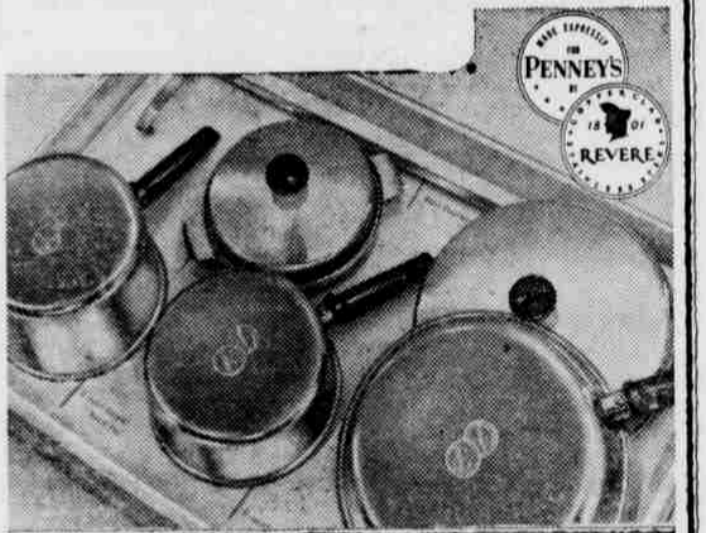
The next meeting will be held March 20 at the home of Brenda Townsend.

JoAnn Turner, reporter

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